



## GENERAL NOTICE – EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

**Subject:** Table of Approved Devices

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The following devices and device categories have been reviewed and approved by the Division of EMS and/or the Ambulance Service Advisory Board. Advisory Notices may be found on the Division of EMS web page regarding usage and restrictions, if any. As with any device utilized under the license of the ambulance service, the ambulance service must ensure that the specific device is FDA approved and that their EMTs are properly trained, refreshed in their training, and have demonstrated competency, as per the manufacturer's recommendations and usage, prior to allowing such device on the ambulance.

The devices in this list are supplemental to those already included in the *RI Prehospital Care Protocols & Standing Orders*. This supplemental list is subject to change and will be updated as new devices are approved by the Division of EMS. Rhode Island ambulance services and their personnel are not permitted to carry or utilize any device not specifically approved by the Division of EMS. Approved devices are those listed in the *Protocols*, the *Ambulance Licensure & Inspection Manual*, and/or this supplemental table, as amended.

Device/Category	Description	Comments
Battery-Powered Chest Compression Device	Battery powered mechanical chest compression system (e.g., AutoPulse™ or equiv.)	
Pneumatically-Powered Chest Compression Device	Pneumatically powered mechanical chest compression system (e.g., LUCAS™ or equiv.)	
CPAP	CPAP (continuous positive airway pressure), a type of noninvasive ventilation, that delivers accurate and constant pressure	Limited to EMT-C and EMT-P as of 11/1/2010
BiPAP	BiPAP (Bilevel Positive Airway Pressure) provides two levels of pressure: Inspiratory Positive Airway Pressure (IPAP) and a lower Expiratory Positive Airway Pressure (EPAP) for easier exhalation	Limited to EMT-C and EMT-P as of 11/1/2010
Impedence Threshold Device	Adjunct device, which attaches to the BVM, and increases blood flow to the heart and brain during CPR (e.g., RescuePod™ or equiv.)	
Pulse-oximeter	Non-invasive blood oxygen saturation detection unit	
CO-Oximeter	Non-invasive carbon monoxide detection unit, often combined with a pulse-oximeter unit (e.g., Rad-57™)	
SALT™ Airway (Supraglottic Airway Laryngopharyngeal Tube)	Airway adjunct and intubation aid	

Authorizing Signature:

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